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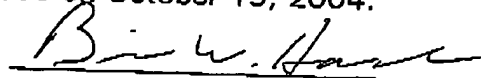
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TITLE:	ADJUSTABLE SPINAL BRACE	) <u>EXPEDITED PROCEDURE</u>
		) <u>AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL</u>

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on July 19, 2004, and the subsequently issued Advisory Action. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a request for a three-month extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to October 19, 2004. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.